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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 2, 2005

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of November 3, 2005, requiring election among various species of the subject invention under the provisions of 35 USC § 121.

In the Office Action, it was indicated that claims 1-6 were generic to a number of species of the invention as disclosed in the specification. It was therefore required that applicants elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted in the event the generic claim was not found to be allowable.

Applicants hereby elect the **a) the dicyclopentadiene novolak epoxy resin; and b) the aromatic polyester derived from isophthalic acid chloride, terephthalic acid chloride, α -naphthol and dicyclopentylidienyl diphenol** for prosecution on the merits in the event the generic claims are not found to be allowable. From a review of the specification and claims, it would appear that the **claims 1-3 and 6 read on both elected**

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species. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected species.

Favorable consideration of the subject application is respectfully requested.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, the undersigned hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2340, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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